

REMARKS

The specification has been amended based on the disclosure at page 3, lines 15-22 in the application as originally filed. To amend the specification, Applicants submit herewith a substitute specification in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.125 and submitted with markings showing all the changes relative to the immediate prior version of the specification of record. Added matter is shown by underline of the added text. Deleted matter is shown by strike-through. An accompanying clean version (without markings) is also supplied. The substitute specification includes no new matter.

Claim 1 has been amended based on the disclosure at, e.g., page 38, lines 2-13 in the application. The claims have also been amended to distinguish over the cited art more clearly.

Entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested.

Preliminarily, Applicants note that the Examiner has not yet acknowledged that the drawings filed May 24, 2002 are acceptable, so Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner make such an acknowledgement in the next communication from the PTO.

Also, Applicants thank the Examiner for attaching the three initialed PTO/SB/08 forms to the Office Action. With respect to the PTO/SB/08 form filed December 10, 2003, Applicants note that there actually was only one page in that document, so all the citations have been considered.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, First Paragraph

On page 2 of the Office Action, claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

In response to this rejection, Applicants have amended the claims to replace the recitation at issue with a recitation based on the literal description in the specification. Accordingly, Applicants submit that this rejection has been overcome, and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, Second Paragraph

On page 2 of the Office Action, claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention.

In response to this rejection, Applicants have substituted "low-crystalline" for "amorphous" in the specification. Accordingly, Applicants submit that this rejection has been overcome, and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Art Rejections

On page 3 of the Office Action, claims 1, 2, 9, and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Amin, JP 10-233215 A. Further, on page 4 of the Office Action, claims 4-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Amin in view of Maegawa et al., US Patent 6,383,235 B1.

In response to these rejections, Applicant submit initially that they explained the difference between the present invention and the cited art in the response dated June 24, 2004. However, since the Examiner did not accept this explanation, Applicants have amended the claims including particularly the recited Markush group of elements to distinguish over the cited art more clearly.

Thus, Applicants submit that the cited art neither teaches nor suggests the invention as recited in the amended claims, and withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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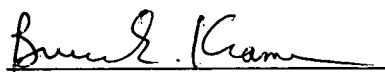
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